COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL

Oifig an Runai Chontae
Arus an Chontae
LEIFEAR

17 Meitheamh 2008

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniu Bliantúil Comhairle Chontae Dhun na nGall, ag dul ar aghaidh, De Luain, 23 Meitheamh, 2008, ag 11.00 ag Arus na Chontae, Leifear.

DO GACH BHALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE

A Chara

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniu seo den Chomhairle. Ta Clar an Cruinnithe le seo.

Mise, le meas

A. MacSuibhne
Riarthóir Cruinníu (RÚNAI CONTAE)

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DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

County Secretary's Office
County House
LIFFORD

17th June, 2008

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held on Monday 23rd June, 2008 at 11.00am in the County House, Lifford.

TO EACH MEMBER OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend this meeting of the Council. The Agenda is attached.

Yours sincerely

E. Sweeney
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Election of Méara/Mayor

2. Election of Leas-Mhéara/Deputy Mayor

3. Membership of County Committee for Rural Water Monitoring

    - 3 No. Elected Members plus the Cathaoirleach of the Water and Environment SPC
    - 2 No Representatives from Group Schemes
    - 2 No Representatives from Rural Organisations

4. To note nomination for filling of vacancy on Community, Cultural and Corporate Strategic Policy Committee arising from the resignation of Mr. Michael Mac Giolla Easbuig.

5. Obligation on Elected Members under Part 15 Local Government Act, 2001 – Ethics Framework (Sections 176 and 177) and Code of Conduct.

6. (a) Section 141 of the Local Government Act, 2001. Duty of members appointed to other bodies to present a report to the Council on the activities and operation of that body annually or at any time, if so requested by resolution or by the Mayor.
   (b) Section 142 of the Local Government Act, 2001 – Duty of Members to submit to Council reports on Conferences or events they attend.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 23rd JUNE, 2008 IN THE COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD.

C/282/08 MEMBERS PRESENT

Clrs. D. Alcorn, L. Blaney, J. Boyle, C. Brogan, B. Byrne, F. Conaghan, G. Crawford, R. Donaghey, M.T. Gallagher, J. Harte, J. Kelly, J. Kennedy, D. Larkin,T. McDaid, M. Mc Donald, S. McEniff, I. McGarvey, D. McGonagle, P. Mc Gowan, B. McGuinness, P. Mac Lochlainn, Pádraig O' Dochartaigh, T. Pringle, J.J Reid, and T. Slowey.

C/283/08 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Clrs. A. Bonner, E. Bonner, N. Mc Bride, and B. O' Neill, who were unable to attend the meeting.

C/284/08 OFFICALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. M. McLoone, County Manager, Mr. John McLaughlin, Director Roads & Transportation, Mr. Aidan Mc Nicholas, Head of Finance, Mr. Peadar MacRory, A/Director Water, Environment and Emergency Services, Ms Helena O' Toole, A/Director Planning and Economic Development, Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator, Ms. A. M. Crawford, Staff Officer.

C/285/08 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Eniff, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting for ten minutes to allow members of the public take their seats in the public gallery.

C/286/08 ELECTION OF MÉARA/MAYOR

The outgoing Meara/Mayor, Clr. J. Boyle thanked all who had assisted him in any way over the past year. He acknowledged in particular the assistance provided by the staff in the County Manager's and the County Secretary's Office.

It had been an extremely busy year, he noted, with many challenges along the way. He thanked the media, fellow councillors and party colleagues for their support and co-operation, extending a special word of thanks to Clr. Conaghan for his assistance during the budgetary process.

Councillors congratulated Clr. Boyle on his year in office with all present acknowledging that he had been an excellent ambassador for the county both at home and abroad, and had at all times represented the people of Donegal in a most exemplary fashion.

Members also extended their thanks and appreciation to Clr. Reid who had carried out his duties as Deputy Mayor with great efficiency and dedication.

The County Manager acknowledged the distinguished service given by Clr. Boyle and thanked him for his excellent work in relation to the promotion of cross-border co-operation. The Mayor, he advised, had worked extremely hard to promote a county wide agenda and this had been reflected in the number of engagements he had undertaken. He noted his sterling efforts to gather cross party support for a range of projects and his association with the Flight of the Earls project that resulted in many beneficial links being formed.

Clr. Boyle then invited nominations for the Office of Mayor.

Clr. Crawford was proposed by Clr. Conaghan and seconded by Clr. Brogan.

As there were no other nominations, Clr. Crawford was declared elected Mayor of Donegal County Council for 2008/2009.

Clr. Boyle handed over the Chain of Office to the incoming Mayor who took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Members extended best wishes to Clr. Crawford for his term in office.
Clr. Mc Daid, stated that as this was the last year of the present Council, Sinn Fein would support and respect the election of Clr. Crawford as Mayor. He asked that the next Council reciprocate the gesture and adopt an effective power sharing policy in relation to filling of positions.

Clr. Crawford congratulated the outgoing Mayor on an outstanding year in office. He thanked all who had supported

his own nomination and welcomed a large contingent of family and friends to the Chamber. It was indeed, he noted, a great honour to be elected unanimously and stated that he would endeavour to carry out the duties associated with the office to the best of his ability.
The coming year, he affirmed, would be a challenging one in terms of changes in the electoral boundaries coupled with the Local Elections in 2009.
He advised that he was looking forward to working with the County Manager and all his staff.
He alluded to a number of issues that would dominate the Council agenda over the next twelve months. These included:

- Proposed variation of the County Development Plan 2006- 2012
- Progression of Local Area Plans
- Ongoing development in relation to the N14 Lifford to Strabane
- Progression of works on the proposed Motorway A5 Aughnacloy to Derry
- Promotion of Road Safety Infrastructure and Awareness.

He proceeded to outline his own priorities for the incoming year in office. These were: -

- Initiation of the one way traffic system in Lifford
- The provision of a long-term solution to the flooding problem in Raphoe.
- Progression of the Lifford – Strabane Environmental Improvement Scheme.
- Commencement of Phase 2 works at the County House Lifford, and the provision of an Archives Centre in Lifford.
- Completion of 26 Social and Affordable Houses in St Johnston coupled with the commencement of the proposed sewerage works.
- Satisfactory completion of works on the Rosgier to St Johnston Road.

In conclusion he thanked all those involved in community and voluntary groups throughout the county who worked tirelessly to improve and enhance their local communities.

C/287/08 ELECTION OF LEAS MHÉARA/DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor invited nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor. Clr. A. Bonner was proposed by Clr. Mc Gowan, seconded by Clr. Mc Eniff. As there were no other candidates, Clr. A. Bonner was declared elected.

Clr. Conaghan advised that Clr. Bonner was unavoidably absent but had asked that her deep appreciation and thanks be conveyed to all present.

Congratulations and best wishes were extended to Clr. Bonner on her election

C/288/08 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE FOR RURAL WATER MONITORING.

Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above.

Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator advised that new regulations under the Water Services Act 2007 in relation to the National and Local Rural Water Services Committees were due to issue in the Autumn of 2008, and that further changes to membership of the committee would arise from the Local Elections in June 2009.

Two nominations, he noted, had been received from the Group Schemes Sector and one from the Rural Organisations.

Clr. Mc Guinness proposed, seconded by Clr. Donaghey that Mr. Liam Mc Dermott, Bredaghlen, Moville be added to the list of Group Water Scheme Representatives.

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Slowey, it was resolved to re-establish the County Committee for Rural Water Monitoring in accordance with Section 51 of the Local Government Act, 2001, with a total membership of 11, consisting of the following:

Clr. Thomas Pringle
Clr. Rena Donaghey
Clr. Noel Mc Bride

Clr. Ciaran Brogan
Chair of Water, Environment and Emergency Services SPC.

Representatives –Group Water Schemes
Mr. Joe Brannigan, Owenteskna, Glencolmcille.
Mr. Hugh McClafferty, Dooey, Downings.
Mr. John A. McLaughlin, Carrowmena, Lecamey.
Mr. Liam McDermott, Bredaghglen, Moville.

Representatives – Rural Organisations
Mr. James O'Donnell, Moondooey, Manorcunningham.
Mr. George O'Hagan, Linsfort, Buncrana.

C/289/08 TO NOTE NOMINATION FOR FILLING OF VACANCY ON COMMUNITY, CULTURAL AND COPRPOATE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Members noted that Mr. Michael Mac Giolla Easpuig had resigned from the Community, Cultural and Corporate SPC , and that the vacancy had been filled by Ms Patricia Mc Bride, Director of An Grianán Theatre.

C/290/08 (PART 15) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 – ETHICS FRAMEWORK

Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator drew members attention to their obligations under Part 15 of the Local Government Act, 2001, specifically in relation to Sections 171 and 177, and to the provisions in Section 181 relating to offences for non compliance. He also reminded them of the obligations contained in the Members Code of Conduct.

C/291/08 SECTION 141 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001

Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator drew members attention to their obligations under Section 141 of the Local Government Act, 2001. It was, he advised, the duty of members appointed to other bodies to present a report on the activities and operation of that body annually or at any other time if so requested by resolution or by the Mayor.

C/292/08 SECTION 142(f) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001-ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES ETC.

Mr. Eunan Sweeney, Meetings Administrator, drew members attention to the obligation on each of them to

furnish a report to the Council of any conference or event at which the Council authorised their attendance.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.